

RSU 23 Board Minutes

RSU #23 Board Meeting held at Old Orchard Beach Town Hall (Virtual Meeting) on June 29, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

Dave Boudreau called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Present: Dave Boudreau, Peter Flaherty, Christopher LaSalle, Michelle Violette, Sally Beatty, and Superintendent John Suttie.

Title 37B Statement was read by Dave Boudreau and roll call taken.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Michelle Violette and seconded by Christopher LaSalle to accept the minutes from the May 21, 2020 and June 10, 2020 board meetings. Voted unanimously. Motion approved. (Roll Call; M. Violette, C. LaSalle, P. Flaherty, S. Beatty & D. Boudreau)

Public Session: Remote Public Hearing

Dave asked if there were any questions or comments on the budget from there public. There were none. Dave proceeded to ask the public if anyone wanted to address the board regarding the proposed budget. No response. He then asked if any member of the public had comments or referendum questions. There were none.

The hearing closed and Dave encouraged everyone to go vote.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Suttie stated that he wants to thank faculty, staff, students, parents, and the entire community for the successful close of the school year. We sent out an end of year survey asking how we managed the school during pandemic. There were a lot of questions and concerns from parents on what worked for them and what didn't. He is really excited about taking that information and working on things. Welcome to Kate Hersom as Jameson Elementary School Principal.

Board Presentation

John Suttie & Eric Hanson presented the RSU #23 School Reopening Plan (please see video for full presentation)

New Business

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Christopher LaSalle to approve new hires; Tony Lucchese as HS Math Teacher, Rebecca Nyanutse as HS/LMS French Teacher and Natalie Skovran as HS Science Teacher. Voted unanimously. Motion approved. (Roll Call; M. Violette, C. LaSalle, S. Beatty, P. Flaherty & D. Boudreau)

A motion was made by Peter Flaherty and seconded by Sally Beatty to move approve the proposed 2020-2021 stipend list as presented. Voted unanimously. Motion approved. (Roll Call; M. Violette, C. LaSalle, S. Beatty, P. Flaherty & D. Boudreau)

Committee Reports

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Finance: Dave reported that we did not meet due to everything else that is going on. There wasn't a need to. We will probably meet in July and get the preliminary numbers for school budget.

Building: Peter reported that we did not meet but there is a lot of work going on in the schools at this time.

Technology: Chris stated that we did not meet either so no news to report.

Board Remarks

Sally stated she wants to really thank John and his team for all the hard work and decisions you guys are making on a daily basis. Especially setting up your clear expectations. I feel we are very fortunate to have you as the leader of our team at this point.

Michelle wanted to welcome all of our new teachers, staff members and administrators on board. She appreciates having new team members even though it's an odd time being here. She encouraged the public to get in touch with John, Dave or Kim at the town hall if you are leery on voting. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work during this time. Stay safe.

Peter wanted to remind people if they are voting absentee, please vote for the school budget but be sure you put two stamps on the ballot or it won't make it. I know that John has been working his tail off and he appreciates it. He came across three retired superintendents and asked how they would like to be working this fall. They all said they are glad that they are not working during this mess.

Dave wanted to say congratulations to all the seniors on graduating. He saw the video and it was great. If you are going to get anything close to a normal ceremony, John and his staff did that. All the staff and what they have done during this coronavirus time is cool. I have heard of a lot of nice things that were done. I think our kids had a good learning experience during this time. I know some parents that said they wouldn't be teachers and some parents had a lot of snow days. Stay tuned and stay healthy. We will be having a board meeting in July.

Chris wanted to welcome aboard the new teachers and Kate. I also want to say thank you as I have a couple kids in the district and some neighborhood students as well. Thank you to all the creative ideas that teachers came up with for end of year celebrations. He appreciates all of the hard work being put in by the administrators and staff getting ready for that pivoting piece. Making sure we have plans for both scenarios is a good idea. He knows that is adding a lot of extra work for everyone involved.

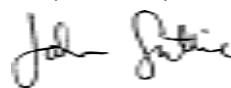
Adjournment

A motion was made by Christopher LaSalle and seconded by Michelle Violette to adjourn the meeting at 5:45PM. Voted unanimously. Motion approved. (Roll Call; M. Violette, C. LaSalle, S. Beatty, P. Flaherty & D. Boudreau)

Minutes prepared by:

Helene Stevens,
Transcriber

Respectfully submitted by:



John Suttie,
Superintendent